

The Social Side of Washington.

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Washington, September 16.—Mid-September is a week of final preparation for the beginning of the school year—next Monday, when 50,000 children will march to the city schools and 5,000 more will hope to gain admission later. When Congress enacted the compulsory education law for the District of Columbia, it was cognizant of a serious lack of facilities to comply with the demands of such a law, but expected to meet the exigencies of the case by a steady, though small annual increase in the number of school buildings and a corresponding increase in the number of teachers. Great expectations which failed to materialize, despite the co-operation of municipal with Federal power, without which, be it incidentally observed, nothing important in the capital city can be accomplished, for Washington, D. C., belongs to the nation, not merely to people whom fate has sent to dwell within its wooded borders. So it is that parents of school age have learned by experience that "first come first served" is in force to-day, and whereas, formerly some were wont to linger by the seashore or at mountain resorts until the approach of "bright blue October days" warned them of Jack Frost's approach, they now form the major part of the inflowing tide of early autumn. Otherwise, many an official family might be deprived of the exceptional advantages offered by the local public school system. The younger Roosevelt children, Charles, Taft and dozens of children in the diplomatic corps have gone to school here, and Miss Helen Taft was a public school scholar in her native city of Cincinnati.

Among the interesting early September visitors is Mrs. Medill McCormick, pleasantly remembered as Miss Ruth Hanna, a debutante during the McKinley administration and the regime of her father, the late Senator Mark Hanna, of Ohio, but recently identified with the business of the Working Girls' Home, of which plan she is the originator. Mr. and Mrs. McCormick will go from here to the summer home of the latter's mother at Seal Harbor, Me., for a little vacation before resuming their settlement work in the Windy City.

Another visitor more or less strongly identified with Washington society in former years, now known as Mrs. Alice Copley-Thaw, was formerly the Countess of Yarmouth, who made her debut in the same house on Lafayette Square in which Mrs. McCormick made her first bow to officialdom. Mrs. Copley-Thaw's mission was to close transactions for the purchase of the home of the late Chief Justice Fuller and inaugurate the work or renovating it for her occupancy next month. Simultaneous with the reopening of this stately old-fashioned mansion is the closing of its modern prototype, the home of Captain Larz Anderson, recently appointed American Minister to Belgium.

A pleasant break in the monotony of official life during the absence of the White House family is the arrival this week of another distinguished foreign naval officer, Rear-Admiral Ching Phi Kwang, who is in command of the first Chinese man-of-war to land in American waters. Although next in rank to the all-powerful naval authority of his country, Admiral Ching is not this nation's guest, and will not, therefore, be as extensively entertained as was his contemporary from Japan, Admiral Togo. However, a full program has been arranged for one of the days he will spend at the capital. Commander Cooper, U. S. N., will be his naval aide, while Assistant Secretary Beekman Winthrop will represent the Navy Department and Assistant Secretary Huntington Wilson the State Department.

As the Chinese Minister, Chang Yin Tang, is still in Japan, the charge d'affaires of China, Mr. Yung Kowal and his family will act as hosts for his country.

An important feature of Admiral Ching Phi Kwang's stay in the United States will be his participation in the President at Beverly, Mass. He will, of course, be the guest of the Japanese ambassador, who is sailing soon, with the honor, from Seattle for Tokyo. Foreign Affairs in the new Cabinet of the Emperor. He was vice-minister of the same office in 1900, and has since represented his country in Berlin, Vienna and Washington. He is therefore, considered by his colleagues as a brilliant diplomat for his new duties.

Moreover, each of them feels that the advent there means another friend for the ambassador. But who will the latter be is a query going round the diplomatic circle, for the rumored appointment of General Uru to the post is still unconfirmed, and a possible explanation is that the complete political evolution in Japan resulting in the accession of Marquis Saito and his party to control has resulted in so much confusion that it has not been possible for the Japanese government to give due consideration to the changes to be made in the diplomatic representation of the country. Pending the appointment and arrival of the new ambassador, Masamune Hanihara, first secretary of the embassy and one of the most popular bachelors in the corps, will be charge d'affaires of Japan.

Washington faces another loss this season. If Dame Rumor is right in saying that the modest young man who was honorary attaché of the Japanese embassy last winter, is not to be returned to this post, William G. Gladstone is his replacement. His grandfather was the Grand Old Man of England. His mission to this country was to become acquainted with Americans as they are, and to accomplish it as well as he could during a limited stay here, and in the face of an absolute refusal to be lionized. At least one epitaph is uncomplainingly over the prospect of his not returning, for he hoped for an opportunity to make amends for having ignored him "because he was not a big man, but a good and earnest, don't you know," and devoting herself instead to a gay youth on her other side at a dinner last season.

The recent revolution in Haiti is responsible for there being another Haitian minister in Washington in the person of Solon Menos, a widower, whose first wife was the sister of Madame J. R. Leger, whose husband, Hannibal Price, who comes as secretary to the legation, is the son of another former minister here, and a bachelor, a fact that cuts the ice in regard to the slanging in society because of his nationality, though he is a cultured gentleman, with the manners of a Chesterfield.

Speaking of manners reminds one of the kind that are essential to a

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would be aide to the President—military or naval—a position to which is attached much honor and distinction, but the holder of it must keep himself in a state of discipline that should recall his life at the academy. He is always on dress parade, must be perennially good natured, polite, suave, diplomatic, must keep the social wheels of the White House well oiled, and see there is no friction. He must have the polish of a Chesterfield, the sagacity of a Machiavelli, and be a good Man Friday to the entire presidential family. For the generous display of these qualities to the President are sure to become his personal friends, and they benefit through that friendship the rest of their lives. After a term at the White House an aide is sure to come into an easy berth, as is evidenced by the case of Commander Simms, the predecessor of Lieutenant Palmer, who went from here to be American naval attaché at the Court of St. James, Mrs. Simms, formerly Miss Hitchcock, daughter of the late Secretary of the Interior, Ethan Allan Hitchcock, was prominent as a daughter of the Capital in the first Roosevelt administration, and until her marriage to the colonel's

dashing young naval aide.

When Lieutenant Palmer was married in the late spring is the hands of Mrs. Beale, fruiter McKedlin, of Atlanta, it was expected that he would be "requested" to relinquish his post at the White House, but, instead, he was given a married confere, Lieutenant John W. Timmons, son-in-law of former Vice-President Fairbanks, being appointed shortly after the Palmer-McKedlin nuptials. Madames Timmons and Palmer will therefore be companions in misery, while their husbands, "in the line of duty," dance attendance upon other ladies at coming White House functions.

Mrs. Meyer, wife of the Secretary of the Navy, has as her house guest this week Mrs. H. W. Kennard, American wife of the charge d'affaires of Great Britain at Havana, formerly secretary of the embassy here, who, with her infant son, will leave New York soon to join Mr. Kennard at his new post at St. Petersburg.

Simultaneous with adieu to the Kennards, society is welcoming a new secretary of the German embassy, who, accompanied by his wife, Madame Albert Kientlin, is in Washington to select a home for the season, before joining the other members of the embassy for the late summer at Manchester. The house they have chosen is redolent of past hospitalities as the home of Pay Director and Mrs. Lawrence Hesp, the latter better known as

Mrs. Bloomer, mother of the lovely Pansy, who is now Mrs. T. Johnson Ward, of Philadelphia.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Miss A. Louise Cunningham, of this city, and James B. Compton, of South Boston, Va. They are now in

Norfolk, and, after visiting in Richmond, will go to their future home in South Boston.

Mrs. David Stewart Hendrick, widow of a noted Tennessee divine, with her daughters, Helen and Lillian, of Washington, are members of a house party given by their cousin, Irving Munford, of his place near The Plains, Va.

G. A. Hanson, of Richmond, is in town for a few days. So also are Mrs. Woodson, Miss Woodson and Miss Mabel Woodson, of Lynchburg, who came for the marriage of Lieutenant Walter Brown Woodson, U. S. N., to Miss Ruth Halford.

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